



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2013**

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council was held on January 24, 2013 at Gila River Indian Community, Health Resource Center, 5356 West Pecos Road, Room 140, Laveen 85339.

Members Present

Dale Enos, Vice Chair
Hon. Kami Hart
Priscilla Antone
Melissa Madrid
Sandra Nasewytewa
Emily Warburton (by phone)
Mary Tatum (by phone)

Members Absent

Priscilla Foote, Chair
Kim Franklin
Brooklynn Dee

First Things First (FTF) Staff Present

Cathy Thornton, Regional Director
Alex Galico, Fiscal Specialist
Edward Valinski, Administrative Assistant

Vice Chair Enos Foote called the meeting to order at approximately 4:40 p.m.

2. Call to the Public

None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the November 15, 2012 meeting. Member Madrid moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012. Second by Member Hart. The motion passed.

4. System Building: Update, Review and Discussion Joint Planning Meeting with Gila River Tribe Education and Health-Social Standing Committees

Vice Chair Enos solicited input from the Council members that attended the meeting.

Member Warburton stated that she felt the meeting went well and it was beneficial to hear feedback from members of the Tribal Council and looks forward to participating in future joint meetings.

Member Nasewytewa stated that she feels that time is of the essence regarding system building within the region and a systems approach is the best process for Community agencies to collaborate and report services.

Member Antone stated that the meeting went well and her only concern was that there could have been more input from the Committees.

5. Update, Discussion and Possible vote on Summer Transition to Kindergarten Renewals

Ms. Thornton explained the need to renew the Summer Transition to Kindergarten grant agreement. Ms. Thornton also provided a brief overview of the performance of Gila Crossing Community School and Blackwater Community School over the past fiscal year.

Member Hart move to approve to renew the Summer Transition to Kindergarten grant agreements for SFY 2014 for Gila Crossing Community School in the amount recommended by FTF staff (GRA-RC027-12-0376-01) and Blackwater Community

School in the amount recommend by FTF staff (GRA-RC027-12-0489-01). Member Antone recused from voting due to a conflict of interest. Second by Member Madrid. The motion passed.

6. Timeline for SFY 2014 Grant Agreements and Renewals

Ms. Thornton provided a brief overview of the Grantee Contract Renewal Process and Timeline and the grant agreements that are eligible and not eligible for renewal.

7. Chair's and Vice Chair's Report

Ms. Thornton reported that Chair Foote has submitted her resignation as Council Chair and will continue to hold her seat on the Council.

8. Director's Report

Ms. Thornton provided a review of SFY 2013 Quarter 1 grantee performance. The Council discussed resources within the Community that could aid in outreach and awareness of the Family, Friend and Neighbor program.

Ms. Thornton stated that a possible meeting may be scheduled with the Tribal Education Department and Standing Committees to discuss the 50/50 funding match between First Things First and the Gila River Indian Community.

Ms. Thornton reported that the CEO of First Things First will be meeting with Tribal leadership in March 2013.

9. Council Member Update

Member Nasewytewa reported that she attended a First Things First workshop on January 9, 2013 on how to deliver the First Things First message and mission.

Member Madrid made comment about the Quality First program within Tribal regions around Arizona and her positive experiences leading up to her center's rating assessment.

10. Regional Council Meeting Schedule

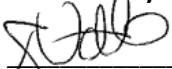
The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Laveen, Arizona.

11. Adjournment

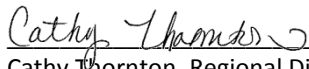
Member Antone moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Member Madrid. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Submitted By:



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Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council



Cathy Thornton, Regional Director
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

Council Approval:



Priscilla Foote, Chair
Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council